

Environmental Pollution Control (Amendment) Bill

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An Act to amend the Environmental Pollution Control Act (Chapter 94A of the 2002 Revised Edition) and to make consequential amendments to certain other written laws.

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Environmental Pollution Control (Amendment) Act 2007 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of long title

2. The long title to the Environmental Pollution Control Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended by inserting, immediately after the words “environmental pollution control”, the words “, to provide for the protection and management of the environment and resource conservation,”.

Amendment of section 1

3. Section 1 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “Environmental Pollution Control Act” and substituting the words “Environmental Protection and Management Act”.

New Part XA

4. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 40, the following Part:

“PART XA

ENERGY CONSERVATION

Interpretation of this Part

40A. In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires —

“effective date”, in relation to any goods, means the date on which the goods become registrable goods as specified in the order under section 40B;

“goods” means any device, appliance, equipment, vehicle, article or thing that consumes electricity or fuel;

“label”, in relation to any registrable goods, includes to mark or affix a label to the registrable goods;

“manufacture” means to make, fabricate, produce or process any goods and includes —

- (a) the adapting for sale of any goods; and
- (b) the altering, ornamenting or finishing or the assembling or processing in any form of any goods;

“registered goods” means any registrable goods registered under section 40D(3) as such;

“registered supplier” means any importer or manufacturer registered under section 40D(3) as such;

“registrable goods” means any goods declared by order under section 40B to be such;

“sale” includes —

- (a) barter, exchange or import;
- (b) offering or attempting to sell, causing or allowing to be sold, or exposing for sale; and
- (c) receiving, sending or delivering for sale;

“supply”, in relation to any goods, includes —

- (a) the supply of the goods by way of sale, lease, loan, hire or hire-purchase;
- (b) the supply of the goods in connection with any agreement; and
- (c) the offer to supply the goods.

Registrable goods

40B. The Minister may, after consultation with the Agency, by order published

in the *Gazette*, declare any class, description or type of goods to be registrable goods for the purposes of this Part from the date specified in the order.

Restriction on supply of registrable goods

40C.—(1) No person shall, in the course of any trade or business, supply any registrable goods in Singapore on or after the effective date unless the registrable goods are —

- (a) registered under section 40D(3); and
- (b) labelled in the prescribed manner.

(2) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$2,000.

Registration of suppliers and registrable goods

40D.—(1) Any importer or manufacturer who intends, in the course of any trade or business, to supply any registrable goods in Singapore on or after the effective date shall apply, in such form and manner as may be prescribed, to the Director-General —

- (a) to be registered as a registered supplier; and
- (b) to register any registrable goods which the importer or manufacturer intends to supply in Singapore.

(2) Every application under subsection (1) shall be accompanied by —

- (a) such fee as may be prescribed; and
- (b) such documents and information as may be prescribed.

(3) The Director-General may, in his discretion, register subject to such terms and conditions as he thinks fit to impose or refuse to register —

- (a) any applicant as a registered supplier; or
- (b) any registrable goods which the applicant intends to supply in Singapore as registered goods.

(4) The registration of any registered supplier or any registered goods shall not be transferable from one person to another without the approval in writing of the Director-General.

(5) Any importer or manufacturer who, in the course of any trade or business,

supplies any registrable goods in Singapore on or after the effective date when he is not a registered supplier shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$2,000.

Register of registered suppliers and registered goods

40E.—(1) The Director-General shall keep and maintain a register in which shall be entered such particulars of the registered suppliers and the registered goods as the Director-General may determine.

(2) Where the registration of any registered supplier or any registered goods has been withdrawn or revoked or has expired, as the case may be, the Director-General may —

- (a) remove the particulars of the registered supplier or the registered goods from the register; or
- (b) indicate against the particulars of the registered supplier or the registered goods in the register the fact of such withdrawal, revocation or expiry of registration, as the case may be.

(3) The Director-General may, upon an application by any person accompanied by such fee as may be prescribed, provide a certified copy of an entry in the register to that person.

Duration and renewal of registration

40F.—(1) The registration of any registered supplier shall remain valid unless withdrawn or revoked under section 40G.

(2) The registration of any registered goods, including any renewal thereof, shall be valid for 3 years unless earlier withdrawn or revoked.

(3) An application for renewal of the registration of any registered goods shall be made before the expiry of the registration, and in such form and manner as may be prescribed.

(4) Every application under subsection (3) shall be accompanied by —

- (a) such fee as may be prescribed; and
- (b) such documents and information as may be prescribed.

(5) The Director-General may, in his discretion, renew the registration of any registered goods subject to such terms and conditions as he thinks fit to impose or